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News Tracker ... What's new with old news

States

Elizabeth Edwards' biopsy: A biopsy has shown that a lump in Elizabeth Edwards' breast has not spread, a family spokesman said, as the wife of former Democratic vice presidential candidate John Edwards commenced chemotherapy.

After a 16-week chemotherapy course, Edwards will take a four- to six-week break. Georgetown University Medical Center doctors who are treating Edwards will then surgically remove the lump.

As a safety precaution, however, doctors will remove some of her healthy lymph node tissue. Edwards will then undergo radiation.

World

Kashmir troop withdrawal: India's prime minister on Thursday ordered the reduction of troops in the Indian-controlled portion of Kashmir, saying a decline in separatist violence in the Himalayan region prompted the decision.

"In recognition of the improvement in the situation, the government has decided to reduce the deployment of troops this winter," Prime Minister Manmohan Singh said in a statement that came days ahead of his planned visit to the strife-torn Indian state.

One of Singh's top aides said the order is aimed at helping the peace process with Pakistan and must be seen as another confidence building measure by the Indian government.

Police raid in Sudan: Just hours after the government agreed to a peace deal Tuesday aimed at ending violence in Darfur, Sudanese police arrived at this battered camp in the middle of the night, beating residents with wooden poles, bulldozing and burning shelters, and firing tear gas into a health clinic, residents and aid workers reported.

The assault capped a series of often-violent government raids over the past week, aimed at relocating residents to new camps. It also came despite international condemnation of the raids and requests from the United Nations and the Bush administration that displaced families not be forcibly moved to new locations.

The U.N. Security Council is to hold a meeting in Nairobi next week to discuss the crisis in Sudan.



JOE GROMELSKI/Stars and Stripes

Remembering the brave: John Odrey of Pittsburgh pauses at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., before Thursday's Veterans Day ceremony.

SARS vaccine: A SARS vaccine is unlikely to be available soon because few drug companies want to invest in a product that may have no demand without another major outbreak, said a Hong Kong researcher who has worked on a vaccine.

Of at least 16 possible SARS vaccines developed worldwide, only one has been picked up by a drug company, in China, where it's in an early testing phase, said University of Hong Kong microbiologist Yuen Kwok-yung.

Dutch filmmaker's slaying: Arsonists set fire to a school and attempted to burn down two churches in the Netherlands, the latest in a series of attacks following the murder of a Dutch filmmaker by a suspected Muslim radical, police said Thursday. There were no injuries.

A total of 20 religiously-linked sites have been targeted for attacks since filmmaker Theo van Gogh was shot and stabbed to death on Nov. 2 on an Amsterdam street.

The chief suspect in his case, 26-year-old Mohammed Bouyeri, is being held in custody on charges of murder and terrorism.

Japan earthquake: A magnitude 6.3 earth-

quake rocked the northern Japanese island of Hokkaido on Thursday. There were no immediate reports of injuries or damage.

The 7:03 p.m. jolt was centered 19 miles under the earth's surface off the coast of Kushiro, about 550 miles northwest of Tokyo, the Meteorological Agency said.

There was no danger of tsunami, or ocean waves caused by seismic activity, the agency said.

Assassination trial: Military personnel accused in two failed assassination attempts against Pakistan's President Gen. Pervez Musharraf will be tried by a military court soon, an official said Thursday.

Al-Qaida-linked terrorists tried to blow up Musharraf's motorcade twice in December 2003 on a road near the capital, Islamabad. The president escaped unhurt, but in the second attack, 17 people were killed.

Security agencies have arrested an unknown number of civilians and some low-ranking army and air force officials on suspicion of their links with those who masterminded and executed the attacks.

Kidnapped foreigners: The United Nations appealed Thursday to the Taliban-linked kidnappers of three of its staff in Afghanistan to release them in time for a Muslim festival starting this weekend.

Militants claiming to hold the three foreigners say the Afghan government has agreed to free 26 of their jailed comrades as part of a prisoner exchange.

However, officials have yet to confirm any deal with the kidnappers. Philippine diplomat Angelito Nayan, British-Irish Annetta Flanigan, and Shihe Hehibi of Kosovo were abducted at gunpoint in Kabul on Oct. 28.

South Korea nuclear experiments: Secret South Korean nuclear experiments revealed earlier this year produced minute amounts of weapons-grade uranium and plutonium, but there was no evidence they were applied to an arms program, the U.N. atomic watchdog said Thursday.

The report, drawn up by the International Atomic Energy Agency, followed up on revelations that South Korea dabbled in uranium enrichment and plutonium reprocessing.

Officials subsequently acknowledged the experiments but insisted they were small-scale and conducted by scientists who never informed the government.

From The Associated Press

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Yokota pays tribute to vets

Ceremony hails service in wars past and present

BY VINCE LITTLE

Stars and Stripes

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — More than 100 community members turned out at Nina Circle on Thursday morning for a tribute to the nation's veterans.

The ceremony, conducted by Yokota's Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9555, featured formations of active-duty Air Force servicemembers and Army JROTC cadets from Yokota High School, Local Boy and Girl Scouts, each dressed in uniform, also took part.

"Ever since the armistice of Nov. 11, 1918, this has been a day to remember our debt to all who have worn the uniform of the United States," Col. Mark Schissler, 374th Airlift Wing commander, said, referring to the pact that ended World War I. "Today, we long for world peace again."

"Our veterans have borne the costs of America's wars and have stood watch over America's peace. And today, every veteran can be certain: The nation you served and the people you defended are forever grateful."

He praised the 25 million American men and women who served in Korea, Vietnam, Somalia and the two World Wars — as well as in the deserts of Iraq, Saudi Arabia and Afghanistan — saying all share a unique lifetime bond.

"Veterans of every era, every background and every branch have certain things in common," he added. "They live by a code of discipline. Every veteran understands the meaning of personal accountability and loyalty and shared sacrifice. From the moment you repeated the oath to the day of your honorable discharge, your time belonged to America; your country came before all else."

"Our war veterans, wherever they fought, can know this: In the harshest hours of conflict, they served just and honorable purposes."

With 1.4 million servicemembers now on active duty — and with the United States engaged in a global war on terrorism — Schissler said these principles remain just as meaningful today.

"America's mission in the world continues, and we count on some very special people to carry it out," he said. "They are earning the title of veteran by serving in the cause of freedom."

"In the three years since our country was attacked on 9/11, the men and women of our armed forces have heroically engaged our terrorist enemies on many fronts. They've confronted grave dangers to defend the safety of the American people. They have liberated two nations — Afghanistan and Iraq — delivering more



VINCE LITTLE/Stars and Stripes

Members of the Yokota High School Army JROTC honor guard present the colors during a Veterans Day ceremony Thursday morning at Nina Circle on Yokota Air Base, Japan.

than 50 million people from the hands of dictators. Those who serve and fight today are truly making history in a tough fight."

They're tackling those great risks voluntarily, he added, all risks mindful of the sacrifices made by the "heroes" who fought and served before them.

"Our airmen, sailors, soldiers

and Marines serve a great cause and they follow a great tradition, handed down to them by America's veterans," Schissler said.

"Our veterans from every era are the finest of citizens. We owe them the very life and liberty we know today, and they have our lasting gratitude."

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Guam group seeks new vote on casino gambling

BY FRANK WHITMAN

Special to Stars and Stripes

GUAM — An organization that supports casino gambling on Guam is pushing for a court order to hold a special election, claiming a Nov. 2 vote rejecting casinos was invalid.

About 21,200 "no" votes were counted and 13,300 voters favored Proposal A, an initiative that would have legalized casino gambling on the island, according to the Guam Election Commission. The results have yet to be certified by the commission.

Controversy began in September over

the failure of the election commission to mail each voter a copy of the 80-page initiative as required by law. Guam Attorney General Douglas Moylan agreed and stated publicly that the vote would be invalid.

U.S. District Court Judge Alex Munson refused to stop the vote on the initiative, but said the complainants could test the legality of the vote after it occurred. After the election, the proponents reaffirmed their intention to pursue, in court, a special election.

"The election is invalid," said Jay Merrill, Citizens for Economic Diversity consultant and one of the complainants in the

court case. "If we're going to have an initiative process that means anything we need to make sure the rules are followed."

The group Communities Opposing Prop A said the vote should stand. "The people spoke; they spoke convincingly," said Jackie Marati, COPA president. The group spent about \$75,000 on an ad campaign opposing the initiative.

CFED is made up of businesspeople who promoted casino gambling as a needed boost for Guam's economy, which has been in a slump for the past seven years. The group had the backing of the Guam Hotel and Restaurant Association and spent "in

the low six figures" to get the initiative on the ballot and launch an ad campaign.

Opponents, on the other hand, included every elected official on Guam and many religious groups.

Most visible among the opponents were Archbishop Anthony Apuron — Guam is more than 75 percent Roman Catholic — and popular delegate to the U.S. Congress Madeleine Bordallo, who ran unopposed in the election.

Objectors were based on social costs, morality, questionable economic benefit, potential damage to Guam's image as a family tourist destination and specifics of the proposal.

Japan tracks mystery submarine spotted in coastal waters

BY KENJI HALL

The Associated Press

TOKYO — Japan's military on Thursday shadowed an unidentified submarine that entered its territorial waters the day before, but officials said they had not yet figured out what country the intruder was from.

Tokyo put its navy on alert Wednesday after spotting the submarine off Japan's southern island of Okinawa, and sent a reconnaissance plane and destroyer to follow its movements.

The submarine, which spent two hours in Japanese waters before leaving, was heading north Thursday, Chief Cabinet Secretary Hiroyuki Hosoda told a news conference.

He refused to confirm media reports that defense officials believe the vessel is from China, saying: "We don't have enough conclusive evidence to make a determination."

He said it would take some time to identify the submarine because it hasn't surfaced and didn't appear to be heading toward a specific country. Hosoda



AP

A P-3C reconnaissance plane flies over Japan's southern waters near Okinawa to watch after an unidentified submarine was spotted Wednesday. Japan's navy went on alert Wednesday when an unidentified submarine made a brief incursion in the Japanese territorial waters.

said Tokyo hasn't confronted any countries about the incident.

In Beijing, Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Zhang Qiyue said she didn't know if the vessel was Chinese.

"The Chinese side is now paying close attention to this issue and I do not approve or encourage any random suppositions on

this question," Zhang told reporters at a regular briefing. "As to whether this is a Chinese submarine, I do not know and I cannot provide you any information on this."

Japanese public broadcaster NHK said defense officials said it was a Chinese Han-class nuclear submarine, based on an

analysis of the sounds it was making.

Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi told reporters the government was trying to confirm the vessel's identity and would take "appropriate action" when it did.

He did not want to say what the navy was doing: "There are security issues involved. Sometimes it

is better to not say things very clearly."

Japan's Yomiuri newspaper said defense officials suspect Beijing may have sent the vessel to head off criticism from Tokyo about China's recent surveys for gas fields near Okinawa.

Territorial disputes have occasionally flared up between Japan and its neighbors, China and South Korea, including one that has deepened in recent months with Beijing over natural gas deposits in the East China Sea.

Japan has accused China of conducting surveys for gas fields near Okinawa that extend into Japanese territorial waters.

China says its activities are close to its coast and don't concern Japan and has rejected offering more information.

Noting the submarine might belong to China, a high-ranking Taiwanese official said the incident was a reminder that militaries in Asia need to do a better job communicating.

"It seems that the two militaries are getting closer and closer," Joseph Wu, Taiwan's top official responsible for China policy, told reporters.

U.S. launches major attack in south Fallujah

Coalition fights Mosul uprising; Car bomb kills 17 in Baghdad

The Associated Press

FALLUJAH, Iraq — U.S. forces backed by an air and artillery barrage launched a major attack Thursday into the southern half of Fallujah, trying to choke Sunni fighters in a shrinking cordon. The U.S. military estimated 600 insurgents have been killed in the offensive but said success in the city won't break Iraq's insurgency.

The Fallujah campaign has also sent a stream of American wounded to the military's main hospital in Europe. Planes carrying just over 100 bloodied and broken troops were arriving Thursday at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany, a day after 64 others were brought in.

The large number of wounded sent to Germany suggests that fighting may be more intense, at least in some areas, than the U.S. military had initially indicated.

Violence escalated dramatically in the northern Iraqi city of Mosul amid a campaign by guerrillas this week to step up attacks elsewhere to divert troops from Fallujah.

Guerrillas attacked police stations in Mosul, overwhelming several, and U.S. and Iraqi troops were trying to put them down, the military said. The city governor was looking to neighboring provinces for police reinforcements, as gunfire and explosions echoed across the city.

In Baghdad, a car bomb ripped through a crowded commercial street, killing 17 people, police said — the second deadly car bomb in the capital in as many days.

Since Monday, U.S. and Iraqi troops have been fighting their way through the northern half of Fallujah, reaching the east-west highway that bisects the city and battling pockets of fighters trapped in the north while other insurgents fell back into the south.

After air and artillery barrages pummeled the southern districts through the day, U.S. soldiers and Marines launched their main assault across the central highway into the southern half, the military said.

Sunni fighters in the city appear to be trying desperately to break open an escape route through the U.S.-Iraqi cordon closing off the city's southern commanders said. Insurgent mortar fire and attacks have focused on bridges and roads out of the city more than on U.S. troops, commanders said from the north, they said.

Commanders say that since the offensive began, their seal around the city has been tight and that fighters' morale has little chance of escape. Some 15,000 U.S. and Iraqi troops are involved in the cordon and the assault inside the city.

U.S. military officials cautioned that the figure of 600 insurgents killed in Fallujah was only a rough estimate. The chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Gen. Richard Myers, said Thursday that "hundreds and hundreds of insurgents" have been killed and captured.

Commanders had said before the offensive began that 1,200 to 3,000 fighters were believed holed up in the city. But the speed of the U.S. advance has led some officers on the ground to conclude that many guerrillas abandoned the city before the attack so they could fight elsewhere.

The number of civilian casualties in the city is not known. Most of the city's 200,000-300,000 residents are thought to have fled before the offensive.

according to an Associated Press count. Six were members of the Marine Corps Reserve, two were Army National Guard and two were Army Reserve.

More U.S. troops were killed Tuesday, but details on their service affiliations are incomplete.

Nine is the highest number of part-time soldiers and Marines to have died in Iraq



U.S. Marines of the Fifth Division take cover as they push into the center of Fallujah, Iraq, on Thursday.

U.S. deaths in Iraq

The Associated Press

As of Wednesday, at least 1,149 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to Associated Press and Defense Department counts. At least 877 died as a result of hostile action, the Defense Department said.

The figures include three military civilians.

The British military has reported 74 deaths; Italy, 19; Poland, 13; Spain, 11; Ukraine, nine; Bulgaria, seven; Slovakia, three; Estonia, Thailand and the Netherlands, two each; and Denmark, El Salvador, Hungary and Latvia have reported one death each.

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 1,011 U.S. military members have died, according to AP's count. That includes at least 768 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military's numbers.

Since the start of U.S. military operations in Iraq, 8,458 U.S. servicemen have been wounded in hostile action, according to the Defense Department's weekly tally.

fore the offensive. The rest have been hunkered down in their homes without electricity during days of heavy barrages, with food supplies reported low.

Myers, speaking on NBC's "Today" show, called the offensive "very, very successful."

But he acknowledged that guerrillas will move their fight elsewhere. "If anybody thinks that Fallujah is going to be the end of the insurgency in Iraq, that was never the objective, never our intention, and never never our hope."

"There has always been pockets of resistance in this type of fighting, just like there was in World War II — we would claim an island is secure and fight them for months after that," Marine Capt. John Griffin said in Fallujah. "Claiming the city is secure doesn't actually mean that all the resistance is gone, it just means that we have secured the area and have control."

Two U.S. Marine Super Cobra attack helicopters were hit by ground fire and forced to land in separate incidents near Fallujah, the military said Thursday. The

The latest deaths reported by the military:

■ A soldier was killed Wednesday when a road-side bomb detonated north of Baghdad.

■ A soldier was killed Tuesday while on patrol in southern Baghdad.

The latest identifications reported by the military:

■ Air Force Master Sgt. Steven E. Auchman, 37, Waterloo, N.Y.; killed Tuesday in a grenade attack in Mosul, Iraq, assigned to the 5th Air Support Operations Squadron, Fort Lewis, Wash.

■ Marine Lance Cpl. Thomas J. Zapp, 20, Houston; killed Monday in hostile action in Anbar province, Iraq; Combat Service Support Battalion 1, Combat Service Support Group 11, 1st Force Service Support Group, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

■ Marine Cpl. Robert P. Wams II, 23, Waukegan, Wis.; killed Monday in Babil province, 2nd Battalion, 24th Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division, Chicago.

■ Army Command Sgt. Maj. Steven W. Faulkenburg, 45, Huntington, Ind.; killed Tuesday in small arms fire in Fallujah, Iraq, assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 2nd Infantry Regiment, Vilseck, Germany.

crews were not injured and were rescued.

In the northern half of Fallujah, an Iraqi commander reported the discovery of "hostage slaughterhouses" in which foreign captives had been killed. Documents of hostages were found, along with CDs showing beheadings and the black clothes of kidnappers, he said.

Meanwhile, rebels have continued heavy attacks elsewhere in a campaign of violence meant to divert troops from Fallujah and show they can keep up the fight even if their strongest bastion falls.

U.S. toll in Fallujah rises to 18

The Associated Press

NEAR FALLUJAH, Iraq — Eighteen U.S. troops have been killed and 178 wounded in action since the start of the assault on Fallujah, the U.S. command said Thursday. Five allied Iraqi troops have also been killed and 34 wounded.

The U.S. military announced the figures as commanders in Fallujah estimated that some 600 insurgents have been killed in the offensive, which began Monday night. The commanders cautioned that the number was a rough estimate.

Maj. Gen. Richard Natonski, commander of the 1st Marine Division, said the operation was "ahead of schedule" and "the soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines and our Iraq comrades" taking part in the fight.

Natonski initially said 69 Americans have been wounded in the campaign. The military statement later said it was issuing an updated number.

More reservists have died in Fallujah than any other part of Iraq war

By ROBERT BURNS

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — More Army and Marine reservists have died in Iraq since the start of the Fallujah offensive than in any comparable period since American forces entered Iraq in March 2003.

At least nine reservists died on Monday,

on a single day since the U.S.-led invasion was launched in March 2003. The only comparable surge in deaths of reservists was in June 2004 when nine died in a four-day span, according to Pentagon records.

The Pentagon's reporting of casualties since the Fallujah offensive began Monday has been slower and more incomplete than normal, in part because the military be-

lieves that detailed information is of potential value to the insurgent forces they are battling in the Sunni Arab city.

National Guard and Reserve troops have played a prominent role in Iraq from the start of combat in 2003, and their numbers in the ground war have risen. They now make up more than 40 percent of the total U.S. force in Iraq. There is no information on how many are now in Fallujah.

Perilous day for troops in the Danger zone

Enemy attacks rain on task force's sector during 24-hour period in Iraq

By STEVE LIEWER
Stars and Stripes

FORWARD OPERATING BASE
MACKENZIE, Iraq — After a quiet early October, Task Force Danger's sector of Iraq is living up to its name.

During the 24-hour period ending at 4 p.m. Wednesday, the zone's West Wing, a 150-mile-wide area north and east of Baghdad that stretches from Kirkuk south to Balad, and east to the Iranian border — recorded 48 attacks from roadside bombs, rocket-propelled grenades and mortars. One 1st ID soldier was killed when his convoy struck a roadside bomb near Balad.

That was the most attacks in a single day since the 1st Infantry Division took control of the zones from the 4th Infantry Division in March. Attacks in the Danger zone have averaged about 100 per week, according to statistics compiled by the 1st ID's intelligence section.

"It's been an interesting day across Danger," said Lt. Col. Jim Chevallier, commander of the 1st ID's 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, at his nightly staff meeting Wednesday.

Eight of the attacks took place in the 1-4 Cavalry's Delaware-sized sector northeast of Samarra, said Capt. Scott Synowicz, 30, of Pinehurst, N.C., the unit's intelligence officer. That compares with an average of five to six per day before the late-September sweep to clear terrorists from Samarra, and fewer than three per day since.

Two nearly simultaneous attacks just



A young Iraqi soldier, his face a mask of pain, rides away from the aid station at Forward Operating Base MacKenzie in the back of an 203rd Iraqi National Guard Brigade truck with the bagged body of one of his comrades.

after noon Tuesday on a joint U.S.-Iraqi patrol and on a traffic-control checkpoint in the restive city of Ad Duhayyah killed one Iraqi soldier and injured five Americans from two engineer units. A rocket-propelled grenade attack on a checkpoint at 5:24 p.m. injured three 1-4 Cavalry soldiers.

Only one of the wounded — a soldier with a broken leg — was hurt badly enough to be evacuated to Germany, Synowicz said.

On Wednesday a powerful 107 mm rocket struck inside FOB MacKenzie, the second one to hit the camp in a week. Neither caused injury, but both were close enough to the command post that soldiers outdoors were told to take cover.

The upswing in attacks is not unexpected, Synowicz said. This week is the last and most religiously significant week of the Islamic holy month of Ramadan. Monday was

the "Day of Power," following which Muslims believe prayers — or, to some extremists, acts of martyrdom — are more powerful.

"Everything you do is amplified," Synowicz said.

The attack on Fallujah, about 50 miles southwest of MacKenzie, also has created an expected ripple effect as insurgents battle the U.S.-Iraqi assault there. During last spring's unsuccessful assault on the rebel stronghold, Synowicz said, attacks in the Danger zone spiked upward.

A third factor is the upcoming elections, for which candidate and voter registration recently began. Coalition leaders assume insurgents will try to disrupt them and are keeping most 1st ID and 1st Cavalry Division troops in Iraq through January as a precaution.

Given the convergence of circumstances, Synowicz said, this Ramadan still has been relatively peaceful. Daily attacks remain below levels of a year ago, and deaths across the country are slightly below last year's for the same holiday month.

"It's been quieter than we expected, until the last couple of days," Synowicz said. "Once Ramadan ends, I see it getting a bit calmer."

The violence is nowhere near the levels to the south and west. Twenty-seven of 32 U.S. combat deaths reported during November have been in Baghdad, Fallujah or the Marine-patrolled Al Anbar and Babil provinces south and west of there.

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'We've got survivability'

Mission is special for Vietnam vets serving in Iraq

By RON JENSEN
Stars and Stripes

LOGISTICAL SUPPORT
AREA ANACONDA, Iraq — They fought in a war that ended 30 years ago, but now find themselves fighting another one, alongside soldiers young enough to be their children.

Or grandchildren.

A group of veterans of the Vietnam War who have joined their country's latest Iraq marked Veterans Day on Thursday by making up the crew of two Black Hawk helicopters and executing a mission.

It is not unusual for the Viet-

nam vets to fly down in Iraq, but they have never flown a mission made up of so many veterans of that war. Nine of the 10 crewmembers on the two aircraft were in Vietnam.

The 10th, Sgt. Jose Perez, a crew chief, is the grandson of a Vietnam vet.

"It's an honor," Perez said before the mission Thursday morning. "I'm doing this for my grandfather. He lives in Puerto Rico."

The nine veterans had combined for more than 8,000 hours of combat flying in the war. Their time in Southeast Asia ranged from 1968 to 1971.

The idea for the mission came from Chief Warrant Officer 4 Mike Chapman, 55, who flew UH-1 gunships in Vietnam for the 92nd Assault Helicopter Company and is now with the Louisiana National Guard's 244th Command Aviation Battalion.

"I think it's a good thing," he said of the mission, which was to fly personnel to Fallujah. "It depicts that we're still here and we're still doing our job. We still have full dedication to God, duty and country."

The helicopters that went on the mission were from the 1st Battalion, 106th Aviation Regiment and the 1st Battalion, 244th Aviation Regiment.

When these veterans first flew in combat more than three decades ago, the concept of using helicopters in battle still was new. They were on the frontier of that entire strategy.

Now, the Army is more likely to enter combat without helicopters than helicopters, thanks, in part, to the aircraft's success in Vietnam.

Staff Sgt. Bona Dyal, who was a crew chief on a UH-1 in Vietnam, is now with the Florida National Guard.

"It means a whole lot," he said of the mission. "At least we've got survivability."

It is hard to compare today's soldiers with those of Vietnam, he said, because of the different technology and training. One thing, however, hasn't changed.



RON JENSEN/Stars and Stripes

Helicopter crewmembers listen to a pre-mission briefing Thursday at Logistical Support Area Anacanda, Iraq, given by Chief Warrant Officer 4 Mike Chapman, right. Nine Vietnam War veterans were part of the two crews to mark Veterans Day. The 10th member of the crews is the grandson of a Vietnam veteran.

"[Soldiers] still got the same heart," Dyal said.

Chief Warrant Officer 4 John Wyatt Jr., 57, who was an air cavalry captain in Vietnam, said the biggest difference between the two wars is the lessened threat level in Iraq.

In Vietnam, "if you made it past 30 days, you were considered a veteran," he said.

In Iraq, the threat from enemy fire is minimal. He said he expects to leave without having lost a single soldier in his unit. That was unheard of in Vietnam.

Of Thursday's flight, he said, "It's sort of a memorial for the ones that are no longer flying because they can't or they didn't make it home from Vietnam."

There was little time for talk as Chapman, Dyal, Wyatt and the

other six veterans — Chief Warrant Officer 4 John Lanning, Chief Warrant Officer 4 Richard Erickson, Chief Warrant Officer 4 Don Berres, Chief Warrant Officer 3 Ben Roche, Command Sgt. Maj. Wayne Eden and 1st Sgt. William Wellman — joined Perez for a pre-mission briefing and then rushed to their choppers.

They did, however, stop to pose for a group shot as a memento of the day, kidding one another about gray hair and no hair as they formed two lines.

Despite the wrinkles and the signs of age, the men are fit and ready to fly. They are doing one-year tours in Iraq just like their younger brethren.

"It's a country worth fighting for," Wyatt said.

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IN THE WORLD

Palestinian leader Arafat dead at 75

Leader's body flown to Egypt for funeral

By Ravi Nessman
The Associated Press

RAMALLAH, West Bank — Yasser Arafat's body was being flown back to the Mideast for funeral services after French and Palestinian officials honored him Thursday with a ceremony befitting a head of state.

Arafat's widow, Suha, wearing black coat and pants, stifled sobs as the Palestinian flag-draped coffin of her 75-year-old husband was carried off a military helicopter to an official French aircraft. The aircraft then left for Cairo, Egypt, where funeral services will be held Friday.

Arafat, both revered as the champion of Palestinian statehood and reviled as a terrorist, died Thursday morning, spreading spasms of grief among Palestinians and rekindling calls for new peace talks with Israel.

Arafat's death marked a turning point in modern Middle East history, leaving the Palestinians without a strong leader for the first time in four decades and arousing fears of a chaotic power struggle.

In a hurried effort to project continuity, the PLO elected former Palestinian Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas as its new chief virtually ensuring he will succeed Arafat as leader of the Palestinian Authority, at least for an interim period.

The Palestinian legislature also swore in Parliament Speaker Rauli Fattouh as caretaker president of the Palestinian Authority.



Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's coffin, draped with the Palestinian flag, is loaded onto a French airplane Thursday to be flown to Cairo, Egypt, at Villacoublay air base southwest of Paris. Arafat died early Thursday at the Percy Military Training Hospital near Paris. He was 75.

until elections can be held in 60 days, according to Palestinian law. Arafat died Thursday at a French military hospital. Neither his doctors nor Palestinian leaders said what killed him.

A wave of grief swept across the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Thousands ran into the streets, clutching his photograph, crying and wondering how they would survive without the man who embodied their struggle for statehood.

Black smoke from burning tires rose across the Gaza Strip and gun men fired into the air in grief. Fearing the grief could rapidly turn into rioting, Israeli quickly moved to seal the West Bank and Gaza Strip and increased security at Jewish settlements.

Arafat's body was taken from Percy Military Training Hospital and placed aboard a French army helicopter for a flight to Villacoublay military air base near Paris and a small ceremony involving French Prime Minister Jean-Pierre Raffarin, Foreign Minister Michel Barnier and Suha Arafat.

From France, the body was flown to Cairo for a Friday morning funeral service to be attended by foreign dignitaries. After the service, Arafat's body will be flown to Ramallah for burial.

Israel's military said West Bank Palestinians would be allowed to attend, though they would have to

Bush: Death is opening for peace in the Middle East

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush says he hopes Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's death will clear the way for successful Mideast peace negotiations with new Palestinian leaders.

"The death of Yasser Arafat is a significant moment in Palestinian history," Bush said Wednesday after Arafat's death in a French hospital.

"We express our condolences to the Palestinian people. For the Palestinian people, we hope that the future will bring peace and the fulfillment of their aspirations for an independent, democratic Palestine that is at peace with its neighbors."

Secretary of State Colin Powell paid tribute to Arafat as "a significant figure in the history of the region and the world, and we know, in the eyes of the Palestinian people."

He said in a statement the United States would do all that it can to further Palestinian statehood.

The State Department, meanwhile, issued a warning to Americans in the Middle East and North Africa that Arafat's death "has the potential to produce demonstrations and unrest throughout the region."

pass through checkpoints. Only VIPs will be permitted to come from Gaza, a military official said, adding that Israel had information that terror groups would use the funeral to plan an attack.

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel

The statement urged Americans to "maintain a high level of vigilance."

The first U.S. president to explicitly endorse establishment of a Palestinian state in the law now held by Israel, Bush renewed that pledge immediately after his re-election last week.

Bush shunned Arafat from the outset of his administration, refusing to invite him to the White House.

He sent Powell to talk to Arafat on the West Bank, but those contacts dwindled and eventually were cut off when the Bush administration concluded Arafat was inept and had not done enough to stop attacks on Israel. In June 2002, Bush urged the Palestinians to replace Arafat with leaders "not compromised by terror."

In remarks made earlier Wednesday in anticipation of Arafat's death, Bush said: "There will be an opening for peace when leadership of the Palestinian people steps forward and says 'We will build a democratic society.'"

Gearing up for new Palestinian leadership, the United States has conveyed its strong support for elections within 60 days of Arafat's death.

Sharon said his death can serve as a "historic turning point in the Middle East" and expressed hope the Palestinians would now work to stop terrorism. In a sign of the enmity the two men shared even in death, Sharon refused to mention Arafat by name.

Post-Arafat regime: Peace or chaos?

By STEVEN GUTKIN
The Associated Press

JERUSALEM — The death of Yasser Arafat opens doors to both chaos and peace. Which it will be depends on whether his successors rein in the bombers, whether Israel returns to negotiations and whether President Bush will throw in his weight.

Both sides face a new situation.

Arafat never groomed a successor, and any new leadership is likely to seem colorless compared to him, but that could come as a relief to Palestinians more eager for results than drama.

On Israel's side, Arafat's departure deprives Prime Minister Ariel Sharon of his main excuse for not negotiating with the Palestinians. Israel and the United States had long dismissed Arafat as an obstacle to peace, saying he was tainted by terrorism and ambivalent about the Jewish state's right to exist.

Bush's war on terror has suffered from four years of Israeli-Palestinian bloodshed, which has rallied Muslims against the West and fired up jihadists around the world. Now Palestinians are hoping a second-term Bush will take Israel to task, chiefly over Jewish settlements on Palestinian land.

With his trademark headress and military garb, Arafat was one of a dying breed — a charismatic, self-proclaimed revolutionary who embodied the

Palestinian dream of statehood.

By contrast, the two men expected to wield most power in Palestinian politics — Prime Minister Ahmed Qureia and his predecessor, Mahmoud Abbas — aren't particularly popular, and they likely will need some early successes to gain the credibility and confidence necessary for any peace process.

However, many of the cards are held by Israel, which should make some gestures, says left-wing Israeli politician Yossi Beilin. He suggests lifting the roadblocks that make daily life tough for Palestinians, releasing prisoners and giving the new Palestinian leadership some breathing room.

Qureia and Abbas "have to be empowered and strengthened by the world and by Israel" so that they can "show that they can deliver the goods," Beilin said.

But whether they will still be in power in a few months is uncertain. Presidential elections must be held within 60 days after Arafat's death, according to Palestinian law.

Arafat's Palestinian Authority has been badly weakened by four years of conflict with Israel, and Arafat couldn't stem growing lawlessness in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. If new Palestinian leaders are to succeed where Arafat failed, militant groups such as Hamas and Islamic Jihad may have to be brought into the system. That could make them less likely to attack Israelis, or they could sense a power vacuum and intensify their violence.

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South Africa to launch Ivory Coast peace talks as hundreds evacuate

BY PARFAIT KOUASSI

The Associated Press

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast — Airliners shuttled hundreds of trapped foreigners out of the Ivory Coast on Thursday as South Africa convened urgent peace talks on a crisis that it said threatened to destabilize West Africa.

Residents in the commercial capital, meanwhile, stared hopelessly at the burned-out wreckage of their shops and offices as a measure of calm returned to Abidjan after five days of anti-foreigner mob violence.

France and other nations launched the evacuations Wednesday.

Convoys sent out by the U.S. Embassy and other nations gathered foreigners from their homes while French soldiers in boats plucked some trapped citizens from the banks of Abidjan's lagoons.

A French official has said between 4,000 to 8,000 of its 14,000 citizens wanted to leave, a number that alone would make it one of the largest evacuations of Africa's post-independence era.

The mayhem, checked only intermittently by Gbagbo's government, has been unanimously con-

demned by his fellow African leaders and drawn moves toward U.N. sanctions. It threatens lasting harm to the economy and stability of Ivory Coast, the world's top cocoa producer and once West Africa's most peaceful and prosperous nation.

South African Foreign Affairs spokesman Ronnie Mameoopa said President Thabo Mbeki would open the talks later Thursday in Pretoria, South Africa.

Ivorian rebel and opposition leaders, including former Prime Minister Alassane Ouattara, were expected to participate, South African Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister Aziz Pahad said.

The violence began Saturday when Ivory Coast warplanes killed nine French peacekeepers and an American aid worker in an airstrike on the rebel-held north in three days of government air attacks that violated a more than year-old cease-fire in the country's civil war.

Including the airstrike, the turmoil since Saturday has claimed at least 27 lives and wounded more than 1,000.

At the request of the United States, Spain will evacuate at least 90 Americans, Foreign Minister Miguel Angel Moratinos said.



A huge poster featuring California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's "visit California" campaign can be seen at Roppongi Hills, site of the hotel where the governor is staying while in Tokyo this week.

Schwarzenegger touts Golden State in Japan

BY ERIC TALMADGE

The Associated Press

Arnold Schwarzenegger is an old pro at promoting stuff in Japan.

He's pitched beer, instant noodles, even "energy drinks." Well, he's back. And the Japanese are still eating him up.

Opening a four-day California trade and tourism blitz with a food fair at a glitzy hotel, California's Gov. Schwarzenegger was — as always — the toast of Tokyo on Thursday.

"I feel like Japan is my second home," he told a packed ballroom, with two dozen TV cameras rolling. The actor-turned-politician noted that he's been here in the past to promote everything from the Special Olympics to bodybuilding — not to mention his more lucrative product endorsements.

"But today I'm here for the most important reason of all," he said, to "promote, market and sell California."

Schwarzenegger was speaking at the "Taste of California" food fair, which featured a cooking performance by three U.S. chefs using California products.

He's accompanied by a 57-member delegation of farmers and business executives.

Schwarzenegger was scheduled to meet with Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi on Friday and with representatives of the auto and electronics industries throughout the visit, which ends Saturday.

The governor made a quiet trip to Toyota Motor Corp.'s Tokyo office on Thursday and talked with President Fujio Cho, but Toyota spokesman Hitoshi Nagashima refused to give details of the talks.

The trip was closed to reporters.

Japanese media have reported that Schwarzenegger is interested in having Toyota produce its popular hybrid vehicles at a car plant in California.

Toyota, Japan's No. 1 automaker, already has a manufacturing plant in the state that it runs with U.S. automaker General Motors Corp.

Greeted at the airport by thousands of Japanese movie fans on Wednesday, Schwarzenegger — called "Gov. Shuwa" here — said he was in Japan to represent the people of California, not his films.

Either way, his appeal was hard to deny.

"He's a phenomenon like none of us has ever seen before," said Mike Gallagher, president of Citypass and one of the businessmen on the California delegation. "I couldn't buy this kind of publicity."

Japan is California's top investor, and its second most important trading partner after Mexico.

But many Japanese businesses believe that California is too expensive for their operations because of the state's high taxes and worker salaries.

As a film star, Austria-born Schwarzenegger visited Japan several times to promote his movies and star in television commercials for beer, noodles, energy drinks and other products.

He sparked a political scandal in 1998, when he arrived in Japan without a passport but was allowed to enter by then-justice minister, Shozaburo Nakamura, an avowed Schwarzenegger fan.

Schwarzenegger applied for permission to enter without the passport, and Nakamura resigned after it became known that he pocketed the application to keep as a souvenir.

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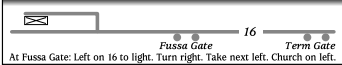
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Following the paper trail

Tokyo officials out to stop scavengers gathering valuable recyclables on street

BY BRUCE WALLACE
Los Angeles Times

TOKYO — The paper chase starts in the blackness of early morning, a cat-and-mouse game played on Tokyo's almost empty back streets in the hours before businessmen shake off their hangovers and commuters emerge to flood the city.

Down impossibly narrow lanes, ex-cop Michio Manabe squeezes his patrol car through a west Tokyo neighborhood, his blue light flashing to show he's on the job. He swivels his head looking for signs of his quarry.

Manabe is on the lookout for recycled-paper thieves, independent collectors who fan out across Japan's cities in small white flatbed trucks before dawn. In this well-off society they're often called apaches, a nickname coined in a novel rooted in the scavenging culture of postwar Japan, when those living on the fringe of the law survived on wits and stealth.

They load up on old newspapers before official city trucks and crews start their rounds, which is why Manabe is on the beat. The

former motorcycle cop has been hired by one of Tokyo's local wards to catch apaches at municipal collection points in the act of taking paper, which has unexpectedly become a valuable resource.

"But it's supply and demand, supply and demand," he says with a knowing shrug. "All because of China."

The China factor: Spurred by rocketing demand from the Chinese economy, old newspapers and magazines are being collected, crushed into one-ton cubes and exported to Japan's voracious Asian neighbor in record amounts.

Japan's city officials never cared much about the small number of scavengers operating on the margins back when prices were low and used paper was just a nuisance. But the days of burning old paper or shoving it into a landfill are over.

Two years ago, paper products recorded the biggest price increases among all commodities on the Kkei index: a 700 percent leap for used cardboard, followed by a 137 percent jump for used newspaper.

That demand is largely driven by China's hunger for cardboard to box and ship goods being pro-

duced by its pulsating manufacturing sector. Paper exporters worldwide received a boost after China lifted its tariffs on forest products with its entry in the World Trade Organization in 2001.

As a result, Japan exported almost 83 times as much recycled paper last year as it did four years ago. And more than half now goes to China — which in 1999 took in a mere 4 percent of Japanese paper exports.

Sure enough, on this rainy weekday morning, Manabe spots an intruder.

Manabe slams on his brakes behind a man loading newspapers into the back of a truck already bursting with them.

Like many others, the man doing the pilfering is not young. He is 65, and he tells Manabe he goes out at 4 every morning looking for paper, despite a bad heart condition.

"This job is the same as being a beggar," he complains, as Manabe records his name and gives him a warning.

Manabe then makes the man put two incriminating bundles back on the street. The driver can keep the rest.



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Minoru Nagano has been gathering used paper for 10 years, since he lost his job at a construction company at age 47.

"They know the loopholes in the law," Manabe says. Legally, Manabe can only confiscate what he sees being "stolen."

It's not stolen, argues Masamitsu Matsuzawa, the founder and president of Matsuzawa Paper Co. in Tokyo's Adachi ward and a businessman who has been buying paper from a network of freelancers for nearly 40 years.

"Once the original owner releases it, it belongs to nobody. But since prices went up, the local authority is trying to take control of

the paper," he said.

Not so, say officials. "Our intention is not to make money by collecting and selling the stuff," says Madoka Shiohata from the Recycle Promotion Division of the Sugami ward office. "But we were hearing complaints from residents that some of the outsiders had bad attitudes and were a bit scary. Some of them shout at residents and intimidate them. They could at least introduce themselves politely and get permission to take the paper."

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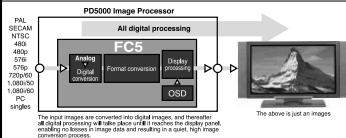
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Reduced threat level calms financial nerves

Alert level drops to yellow for buildings in New York, New Jersey, Washington, D.C.

BY TOM HAYS

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Assured that improved security has diminished the possibility of an attack, local officials and workers at five eastern U.S. financial institutions expressed relief — tempered with caution — after federal authorities lowered the terror threat alert status there from orange to yellow.

"I just hope they're right," Rafael Camargo, an employee at the Citigroup Center building in Manhattan, said Wednesday after the announcement in Washington.

Robert E. Selsam, senior vice president of Boston Properties, manager of Citigroup's 59-story tower, called the decision

"welcome news," but added that security measures would not be loosened.

"We're going to continue to maintain the highest standards of security for all our buildings," he said.

Federal officials said better security precautions had reduced the threat at Citicorp building, the New York Stock Exchange in New York, the International Monetary Fund and World Bank buildings in Washington and Prudential Financial Inc.'s headquarters in Newark, N.J.

The lowering to yellow, the midpoint on the government's five-level terror warning system, comes three months after the alert was raised because of concerns the institutions and the areas around them could be al-Qaida targets. Yellow is "elevated,"

while orange is considered a "high" threat of attack.

Authorities had raised the alert on Aug. 1 in response to intelligence indicating al-Qaida had conducted surveillance of the buildings. However, counterterrorism officials later acknowledged that much of the intelligence was at least several years old. They defended their decision to raise the alert because of al-Qaida's record of extensive planning and plotting.

During the weeks leading up to the election, the Bush administration repeatedly warned that al-Qaida could mount an attack aimed at disrupting the democratic process. They cited March train bombings in Madrid linked to al-Qaida just prior to Spain's elections. Spanish voters elected new leadership.

The Homeland Security Department faced criticism throughout the year that terror warnings were designed to boost support for the Bush administration during an election year. Homeland Security Deputy Secretary James Loy said politics didn't play a role in any decisions to raise or lower the threat level.

In a conference call with reporters, Loy said the decision to lower the alert was made because government officials and the owners and operators of affected buildings worked for the past three months to boost security and preparedness. That included drills to test cyber-security backup systems and efforts to secure parking or other features of the buildings that the al-Qaida surveillance had noted.



President Bush participates in a Veterans Day wreath-laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery on Thursday in Arlington, Va.

Bush honors veterans at Tomb of Unknowns

BY JENNIFER LOVEN

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush paused on Veterans Day on Thursday to honor American soldiers who have died in Iraq and Afghanistan during his presidency and in wars past.

As he spoke, U.S. warplanes and artillery pounded insurgents west of Baghdad.

"Some of tomorrow's veterans are in combat now in Iraq," Bush said at Arlington National Cemetery, where he laid a wreath on the Tomb of the Unknowns. "They have a clear mission to defeat the terrorists and aid the rise of a new government that can defend itself. They are making us proud. ... They are winning."

There are about 142,000 U.S. troops in Iraq, up several thousand from a few weeks ago. As the Iraq war nears the two-year mark, the U.S. death toll stands at more than 1,140.

Bush also honored the 25 million living U.S. veterans. "Our nation thanks them all," he said in a somber address. He said that because Americans are willing to serve in uniform and sometimes sacrifice their lives, America is the "greatest force for good" among all nations of the world.

Veterans Day, 2004

Holiday filled with ceremony and a little controversy

Smithsonian explores Americans at war

BY FRANK DAVIES

Knight Ridder Newspapers

WASHINGTON — The iconic artifacts of war are all there, as you would expect at the Smithsonian Institution: George Washington's sword, the furniture Grant and Lee used at Appomattox, Va., Colin Powell's battle-dress uniform worn during the Persian Gulf War.

But an ambitious exhibit that tells the story of America at war, opening on Veterans Day, goes beyond the "great man" way of remembering history to honor what's important on Veterans Day: the lives and sacrifices of average soldiers who fought and died from Yorktown, Va., to the streets of Fallujah, Iraq.

First-person narratives on video describe how a Southern spy operated in Washington during the Civil



U.S. Army World War II veteran Lester I. Tenney of Phoenix, who was a prisoner of war for more than three years in the Philippines and Japan, tours the Smithsonian exhibition "The Price of Freedom: Americans at War" after a dedication ceremony on Wednesday in Washington.

War, how a Marine survived the horrors of combat in the Pacific and the night a badly wounded medic treated the men around him during an ambush in Vietnam.

Next to the familiar photos of leaders during Vietnam are the combat boots, dog-eared letters, peace buttons and six packs of Bud-

weiser left at Washington's Vietnam Memorial.

The Smithsonian's fresh look at Americans at war also does not avoid controversy, or the reality that some conflicts — the 1846-48 Mexican War, the 1898 Spanish-American War and Vietnam — deeply divided the country.

TV stations cancel 'Saving Private Ryan' for fear of FCC

BY LEON DROUIN KEITH

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — More than 20 ABC affiliates around the country have announced that they won't take part in the network's Veterans Day airing of "Saving Private Ryan," saying the acclaimed film's violence and language could draw sanctions from the Federal Communications Commission.

The decisions mark a twist in the conflict over the aggressive stand the FCC has taken against obscenity

and profanity since Janet Jackson flashed the world during the last Super Bowl halftime show.

Steven Spielberg's Oscar-winning movie aired on ABC with relatively little controversy in 2001 and 2002, but station owners — including several in large markets — are unnerved that airing it Thursday could bring federal punishment. The film includes a violent depiction of the D-Day invasion and profanity.

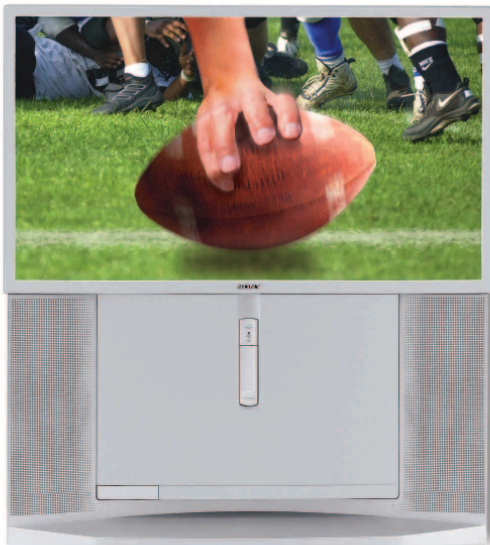
"It would clearly have been our preference to run the movie. We

think it's a patriotic, artistic tribute to our fighting forces," Ray Cole, president of Citadel Communications, told AP Radio. The company owns three ABC affiliates in the Midwest.

An FCC spokeswoman said Wednesday that the agency does not monitor television broadcasts, but responds to complaints.

The agency received a complaint after the 2001 broadcast of "Saving Private Ryan," but it was denied, she said.

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Latest conspiracy: Kerry won election

BY MANUEL ROIG-FRANZ AND DAN KEATING

The Washington Post

MIAMI — The e-mail subject lines couldn't be any bigger and bolder: "Another Stolen Election," "Presidential election was hacked," "Ohio Fraud."

Even as Sen. John Kerry's campaign is steadfastly refusing to challenge the results of the presidential election, the bloggers and the mortally wounded party loyalists and the spreadsheet-wielding conspiracy theorists are filling the Internet with head-turning allegations. There is the one about more ballots cast than registered voters in the big Ohio county anchored by Cleveland. There are claims that a suspicious number of Florida counties ended up with Bush vote totals that were far larger than the number of registered Republican voters. And then there is the one that might

Bloggers, party loyalists fill Internet with head-turning accusations

be the most popular of all: the exit polls that showed Kerry winning big weren't wrong — they were right.

Each of the claims is buoyed by enough statistics and analysis to sound plausible. In some instances, the theories are coming from respected sources — college engineering professors fascinated by voting technology, Internet journalists, election reform activists.

Ultimately, none of the most popular theories holds up to close scrutiny. And the people who most stand to benefit from the conspiracy theories — the Kerry campaign and the Democratic National Committee — are not biting.

The Ohio vote-fraud theory appears to stem from the curious ways of the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections. During

even-numbered years the county's canvassing board posts vote totals that include the results from outside the county from congressional districts that spill over Cuyahoga's borders. The quirk made it look as if the county had 90,000 more votes than voters.

There also have been reports of more votes counted than voters in some counties in Florida and North Carolina. Steve Ansolabehere of the Caltech-MIT Voting Technology Project said the preliminary results do not add up. "We'll see if there's anything dramatic or widespread once we see the full certifications come in," he said.

The Florida case is more nuanced than the Ohio voting battle.

Numerous bloggers have noted that President Bush's vote totals in 47 Florida counties were larger — in some cases much larger — than the number of registered Re-

publican voters in the same counties. A widely distributed piece on Consortiumnews.com said the results "are statistically stunning that they border on the unbelievable."

The article's main numbers are correct. But the central premise — that there is something suspicious about Bush getting more votes than the number of registered Republicans in rural counties, which use paper ballots — may not be suspicious at all.

"Florida has always been the land of the Dixiecrats," said Walter R. Mebane Jr., a professor of government at Cornell University who specializes in voting issues. "In Florida, as you go north, you go south."

Keating reported from Washington. Staff writers Paul Fari and Susan Schmidt in Washington contributed to this report.

GOP pulls ahead in Wash. race

BY DAVID AMMONS

The Associated Press

OLYMPIA, Wash. — Republican Dino Rossi has pulled ahead of Democrat Christine Gregoire in the Washington governor's race, and he boldly announced a transition team to prepare for his possible ascent to power.

The contest ended in a virtual dead heat on Election Day and has remained tight ever since as officials tally hundreds of thousands of mail ballots. Most Washington state residents cast ballots through the mail.

Rossi first pulled ahead of Gregoire on Tuesday; he was leading by about 3,500 votes Wednesday.

Thousands of ballots still have to be counted, and both sides have said the race probably will go on until the final rush of provisional ballots are tallied next Wednesday. A recount is automatic if the gap is less than 2,000 votes.

Rossi, a 45-year-old former state senator and real estate investor, was the first to publicly talk about putting together a transition team. But he insisted that he is just getting ready, not presuming victory or sending any aggressive signals.

"It's prudent, that's all," he said in an interview. "One thing you can't get back is time. We've already lost a week and it could be Thanksgiving or longer until we know for sure, and they aren't moving the inauguration date."

Gregoire, a three-term attorney general, also has a transition effort under way, but said it is premature to talk about it before all the votes are counted. State Democratic Chairman Paul Berendic called Rossi's transition announcement Tuesday presumptuous and inappropriate.

"Chris Gregoire is going to be Washington's next governor. Dino can work on his transition with Chris but, but there's no need to hold a press conference and talk about it. It's nothing but game-playing."



Overall view of President Bush's inaugural on Capitol Hill on Jan. 20, 2001. When President Bush takes his second oath of office Jan. 20, there will be an elaborate ceremony set amid the icons of democracy only this city can provide: the Capitol, the White House, Pennsylvania Avenue.

Pomp and pageantry planned for president's inauguration

BY EILEEN PUTMAN

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — When President Bush takes his second oath of office Jan. 20 it will be his family's first inauguration ceremony, a day of pomp and pageantry set amid the icons of democracy only this city can provide: the U.S. Capitol, the White House, Pennsylvania Avenue.

Security will be extraordinary — it's the first presidential inauguration since the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks, and the nation is under a continuing threat by Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida organization.

But that is not expected to alter the elaborate rituals by which the nation installs its president. For Bush's second inauguration, those rituals provide a regal subplot, the crown jewel in the Bush political dynasty. His father, George H. W. Bush, was inaugurated twice as vice president, in 1981 and 1985, and once as president, in 1989.

With 21-gun salutes, fancy-dress balls and tighter-than-ever security, the day will resemble nothing so much as a coronation.

"We don't have the unifying effect of a king or queen. As a result, over the centuries America has developed traditions that encourage stability and public confidence. That's what an inauguration is," said Larry Sabato, director of the Center for Politics at the University of Virginia.

Among those traditions are: a preinaugural church service for the incoming president and first

lady, a congressional escort to the Capitol for the public swearing-in, a presidential inaugural address that sets forth a vision for the new term, a luncheon in the Capitol's famed Statuary Hall and a 1.7-mile procession along Pennsylvania Avenue to the White House before a massive, cheering crowd.

With U.S. soldiers fighting in Iraq, the inauguration is expected to be filled with patriotic symbols — a Capitol festooned in red, white and blue, prayers for those overseas; military salutes underscoring the fact that the president is the commander-in-chief.

"This is where we all come together to show our support for our country and our form of government," said Sen. Trent Lott, R-Miss., who chairs the congressional committee that is coordinating the inaugural plans with White House Chief of Staff Andy Card.

The Bushes, said Steve Hess, senior fellow at the Brookings Institution, will "have to be very cautious to make sure nothing is perceived as in bad taste because there are Americans in harm's way. It will be a celebration of bringing democracy and freedom to other people."

The Homeland Security Department has designated the inauguration a national security special event, which makes the day's high-profile gatherings a legitimate federal money and heightened security overseen by the Secret Service.

"There will be more security for this inauguration than ever before," said Donald A. Ritchie, associate Senate historian.

Ohio still counting ballots

BY CONNIE MABIN

The Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Thanks to John Kerry's concession speech, Ohio's election workers don't exactly have the eyes of the nation on them, but their job of checking and counting the state's provisional ballots is as difficult and time-consuming as ever.

Officials in the state's 88 counties must check 155,337 provisional ballots to ensure they are valid, then count them in a process that is expected to take another week or more.

With President Bush leading the Democratic presidential nominee Kerry by more than 136,000 votes in the pivotal state in unofficial returns, it would be practically impossible for provisional ballots to change the outcome.

That means Ohio elections workers aren't under the microscope the way Florida's were after the contested 2000 presidential election.

Still, voters "want to know if their vote counted. If not, they want to know why, and we're giving them that this election," said Debbie Ford, a Franklin County voter services supervisor.

Judging from past elections, most provisional ballots will be valid, and the total will more or less reflect the overall vote.

Elections employees are using the names on envelopes containing the provisional ballots to determine whether people meet registration requirements, and whether they voted in the correct precinct.

Valid ballots eventually added to each county's vote count report, which must be approved by Democrat and Republican board members. Any disputed provisional ballots will be voted on by the members. Republican Secretary of State J. Kenneth Blackwell will break any ties.

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Activist artists buoyed despite Bush win

BY HILLEL ITALIE
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — They urged young people to "Vote for Change" and "Rock the Vote." They gave concerts and readings in "battleground" states. They made movies meant to turn Republicans into Democrats and the president into both a monster and a laughingstock.

Rarely have so many artists committed themselves to the defeat of a politician as Bruce Springsteen, Michael Moore and many others did in opposing George W. Bush. Now, with the president's re-election, those artists find themselves asking whether they made a difference and whether they would do it again.

"To me it was a huge success just for us to get young people into it," says hip-hop mogul Sean "P. Diddy" Combs, who organized an all-star, get-out-the-vote campaign known as "Vote or Die."

Combs' voter drive, Springsteen's "Vote for Change" tour and Moore's anti-Bush documentary, "Fahrenheit 9/11," were the most visible signs of artists' involvement. Countless others joined in less public ways, helping to register voters and get them to the polls. Errol Morris, the Academy Award-winning documentary maker, filmed a series of anti-Bush TV commercials featuring Republicans unhappy with the war in Iraq; he spent Election Day in Wisconsin urging Democrats to vote.

"You do certain things regardless of whether you know it's going to help," Morris said. "It might help, and that's enough of a reason for doing it. By doing nothing, you're definitely not going to help."

Artists may well have made a difference. According to CIRCLE (the Center for Information & Research on Civic Learning & Engagement), a leading research organization, 4.6 million more young people cast their votes in 2004 than in 2000 and the turnout rate for 18-to-29-year-olds was

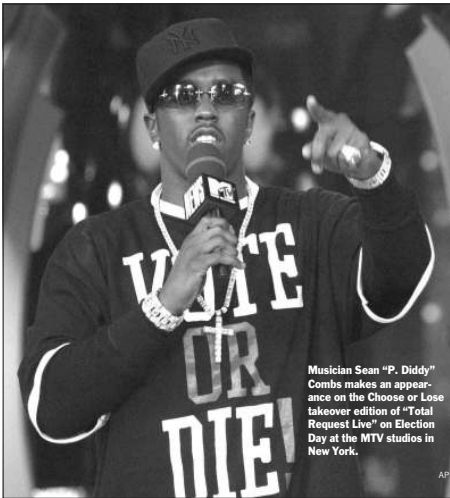
51.6 percent, compared with 47.9 percent in 1992, considered the previous high point for youth involvement. Exit polls conducted for The Associated Press and television networks by Edison Media Research/Minsky International gave Democrat John Kerry a 54-45 advantage among young people, compared to a 48-46 edge for Al Gore over Bush in 2000.

"I think there were probably a lot of reasons for bringing out the youth, but all the media buzz and the campaigns like 'Vote for Change' certainly helped create excitement and general enthusiasm," Carrie Donovan, CIRCLE's youth director, said Thursday. "I know my own sister voted for the first time and when I asked her why, she said it was partly because of all the 'Rock the Vote' ads on MTV."

Many artist-activists have posted messages of encouragement on their Web sites. Musician Moby urged Bush opponents not to "sink into depression over the democratically expressed will of the majority of voting Americans." Moore, perhaps the most relentless, resourceful and commercially successful of the anti-Bush artists, has replaced a high-tech voter guide and gleeful messages on his Web site with a grainy photo montage of Bush and a brief statement below: "We're not going away. Join our mailing list."

American artists have a long history of being more detached from politics than their peers in other countries, but many went against Bush during the fall. Stephen Elliott organized "Operation Ohio," which featured readings and phone calls to first-time voters by Michael Chabon, Jonathan Lethem and many others. "I don't think there's any downside to getting people involved in the electoral process," says Elliott, whose books include the novel "Honey Baby" and the nonfiction "Looking Forward to It: Or, How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the American Political Process."

"My candidate didn't win — I'm not too



Musician Sean "P. Diddy" Combs makes an appearance on the Choose or Lose takeover edition of "Total Request Live" on Election Day at the MTV studios in New York.

excited about that — but 'Operation Ohio' made the world a better place by getting people to vote."

Lethem, author of "Motherless Brooklyn," "The Fortress of Solitude" and other novels, said his election work was a "kind of intervention" against the "radical" policies of Bush and that given another chance he would have done the same.

Meanwhile, Morris said the 2004 election reminded him of making "The Thin Blue Line," his acclaimed documentary

about a wrongfully imprisoned man, Randall Dale Adams.

"I spent several years trying to get that man out of prison. I worried about him and I thought, 'I am going to have to keep thinking about this unless it changes.' I wanted it to end," says Morris, whose film did help free Adams.

"I saw the election as a similar situation. One of the reasons I wanted Kerry to win is that I wanted the luxury of not having to think about politics. And now that's not going to happen."

Actor's Africa tour geared to fight AIDS

Brad Pitt spent four days in Ethiopia to learn more about AIDS in Africa as part of a fund-raising campaign to combat the disease on the world's poorest continent.

The trip was organized by DATA, a Washington-based lobby group co-founded by rock star Bono that campaigns on Third World trade, debt and HIV/AIDS. Pitt began his first visit to Ethiopia last Friday and left late Monday night.

While in Ethiopia, Pitt visited local projects fighting the spread of HIV, the virus that causes AIDS. The 40-year-old actor also met with eight top Ethiopian singers who have collaborated on songs to educate people about HIV and to raise money for AIDS programs.

Celebrities unite for cancer research

A light rain couldn't dampen spirits as dozens of Hollywood celebrities attended the second annual Louis Vuitton United Cancer Front gala, hosted by Sarah Jessica Parker, Dustin Hoffman and Jamie Foxx.

Underwritten by fashion designer Louis Vuitton, all proceeds from Monday night's event will go to UCF, the brainchild of Lilly Tartikoff, whose husband, TV executive



Serena Williams, Jaimie Foxx and Venus Williams

Brandon Tartikoff, died in 1997 of Hodgkin's disease.

Tennis star Serena Williams, her sister Venus Williams, singer Jewel, and actresses Kristin Davis, Lauren Graham and Kate Bosworth were among those in attendance.

Spanish filmmaker revels in new film

Pedro Almodóvar has been down the red carpet before, but the director said it felt like the first time at the Hollywood premiere of his new film, "Bad Education."

"For me, premieres are like when you fall in love," Almodóvar explained, speaking in Spanish. "It's like the first time in that it's going to last forever. So, in that sense, this premiere is like the first time I've premiered the movie, and that's the way I'm celebrating it."

The movie has been shown at film festivals in Moscow, Toronto, New

York and Telluride, Colo.

"Bad Education" stars Gael García Bernal and Fede Martínez in an often gritty examination on the effect of Franco-era religious schooling and sexual abuse on the lives of two longtime friends.

"Bad Education" opens in Los Angeles and New York City on Nov. 19.

Shaver, Clark honored as songwriters

Billie Joe Shaver, Guy Clark, Dennis Morgan and Freddie Hart have been inducted into the Nashville Songwriter Hall of Fame.

Tom T. Hall gave Shaver's induction speech Sunday, and Kris Kristofferson joined Joe Ely to perform some of Shaver's classics, which include "Good Christian Soldier," "Old Five and Dimers Like Me," "Honky Tonk Heroes" and "I'm Just an Old Chunk of Coal."

Shaver was moved to tears by the performance.

"Boy, it's been a rough road, but there's been a lot of happy times, too," he said.

Lytle Lovett and Verlon Thompson paid tribute to Clark by playing selections from his catalog, which includes "L.A. Freeway," "Desperados Waiting for a Train" and "Homegrown Tomatoes."

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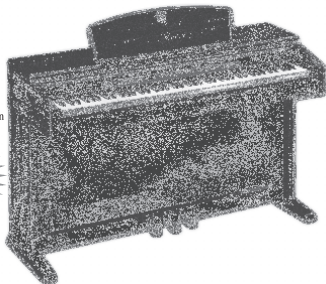
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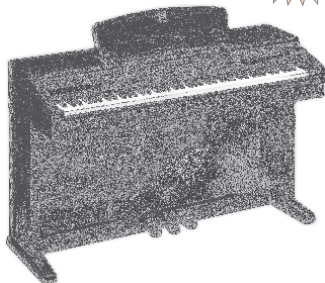
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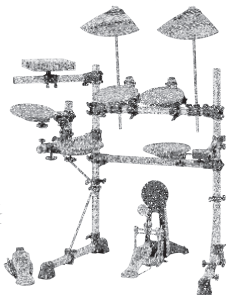
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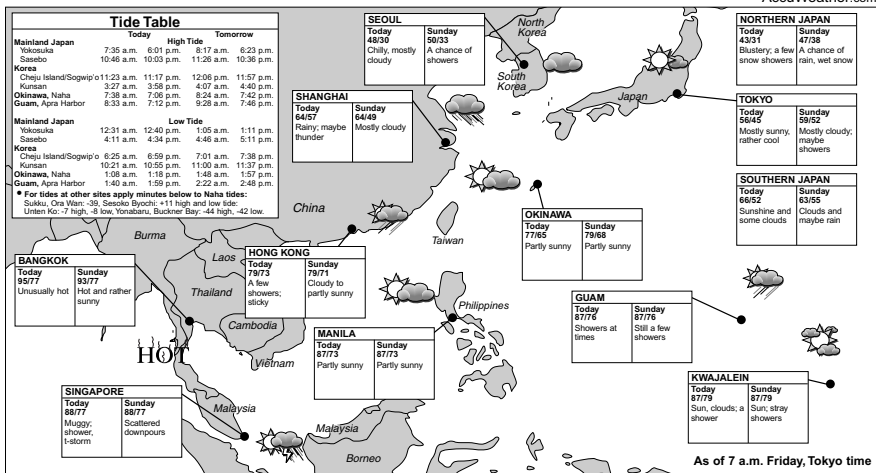
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TOKYO
 Monday: Periods of clouds and sunshine,
 high 87, low 52.
 Tuesday: Partly sunny,
 high 58, low 43.

KADENA
 Monday: Periods of clouds and sunshine,
 high 79, low 65.
 Tuesday: Mostly cloudy,
 high 75, low 65.

SEoul
 Monday: Mostly sunny,
 high 44, low 20.
 Tuesday: Partly sunny,
 high 40, low 23.

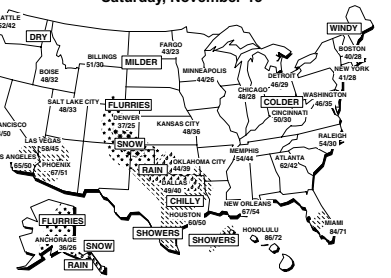
MANILA
 Monday: Periods of clouds and sunshine,
 high 87, low 73.
 Tuesday: Partly sunny,
 high 87, low 73.

HAGATNA
 Monday: Showers,
 high 87, low 76.
 Tuesday: Showers,
 high 87, low 76.

Thursday's USA Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Albuquerque	55/36	Los Angeles	68/54
Amarillo	43/27	Little Rock	67/45
Anchorage	41/30	Louisville	56/42
Ashville	54/45	Miami	83/70
Baltimore	60/42	Milwaukee	43/28
Birmingham	62/54	Nashville	61/51
Bismarck	44/13	New York	57/44
Boise	52/38	Omaha	43/16
Boston	59/38	Orlando	81/62
Brownsville	85/59	Philadelphia	61/44
Buffalo	56/26	Phoenix	76/55
Burlington	47/19	Pittsburgh	59/38
Charleston, SC	73/57	Portland, OR	56/40
Charlotte	57/50	Portland, ME	51/30
Chicago	52/24	Salt Lake City	54/38
Columbus, OH	55/37	St. Louis	52/36
Duluth	37/14	San Antonio	72/47
El Paso	64/38	San Diego	69/56
Hartford	57/35	San Juan	85/74
Helena	42/17	Tampa	84/64
Indianapolis	51/33	Tulsa	50/37
Jacksonville	76/60	Washington	61/45
Kansas City	46/26	Wichita	42/27

Saturday, November 13



U.S. Extended Forecast

A series of upper-level disturbances will provide another taste of winter to parts of the Southwest on Saturday. One disturbance will bring rain and snow showers to parts of New Mexico, Colorado and the Texas Panhandle; the majority of the snow will fall over the mountains. The second disturbance will trigger showers over California with some snow impacting the Sierras. This precipitation will push southward into Arizona late in the day. Meanwhile, a bit of snow will fall across New England in the wake of a storm system. Cold air will flow into the Northeast around an area of high pressure, which will provide much of the East and northern Plains with dry weather.

Saturday's Pacific Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Bangkok	95/77	Iwakuni	62/47
Beijing	48/34	Kadena AB	77/65
Camp Casey	46/33	Kunsan AB	53/41
Christchurch	72/47	Kwajalein	87/79
Diego Garcia	84/76	Manila	87/73
Hagatna	87/76	Misawa AB	49/35
Hanoi	87/72	Osan	49/35
Hong Kong	79/73	Perth	78/60
Honolulu	86/72	Pusan	59/43

Saturday's World Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Acapulco	90/75	Budapest	60/31
Athens	73/64	Buenos Aires	66/57
Auckland	66/52	Cairo	91/69
Baghdad	79/55	Cancun	81/69
Barbados	86/70	Cape Town	82/60
Barcelona	58/41	Geneva	41/27
Berlin	43/29	Montreal	22/56
Bermuda	72/63	Jerusalem	78/59
Brussels	44/29	Johannesburg	73/54
		Moscow	48/39
		Oslo	39/27
		Paris	40/28
		Rio de Janeiro	75/64
		Rome	65/46
		St. Petersburg	42/31
		Stockholm	37/28
		Warsaw	42/27



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The ties that bind

AR **LITTLE ROCK** — Gov. Mike Huckabee and his wife plan to convert their nuptial vows into a covenant marriage during a mass ceremony on Valentine's Day, giving a public push to the movement that seeks to strengthen marital ties and make it harder to get divorced.

The governor, a former Baptist minister, said Monday he hopes more than 1,000 other couples will join him for the conversion ceremony at a North Little Rock arena. Arkansas has one of the highest divorce rates in the country.

Covenant marriages, which also are an option in Louisiana and Arizona, usually require pre-wedding counseling and allow divorce only in cases of abuse, imprisonment, abandonment, abuse and after a substantial waiting period.

Influential pastor retires

CA **LOS ANGELES** — The Rev. Cecil "Chip" Murray, pastor for 27 years at one of the nation's most influential black churches, retired Sunday, delivering a final sermon before a stomping crowd of more than 1,000 worshippers.

Murray, 75, joined the First African Methodist Episcopal Church in 1977 and built the congregation from several hundred members to 17,000.

The Florida native's reputation for colorful language was on display as he preached on the theme of perseverance.

"When God has blessed you by waking you up this morning, how can you have a pity party?" Murray asked parishioners. "Remember, it's all right to sit on the pity pot — just remember to flush when you get through."

A cold year for Santa?

CO **DENVER** — Apparently there is no special clause for Santa — at least not for flu vaccines.

Nick Pallotto, 62, who plays Santa Claus in malls, turned up at a flu clinic in Colorado Springs and was denied a shot because he wasn't 65 or suffering from a chronic health problem.

Hejy asked me if I was 65, and I said, 'No, but I am Santa,' he said Saturday.

For the past four years Pallotto has worked for Naturally Santa Inc., appearing as Santa Claus at malls in New Jersey, Denver and will work this year in Virginia.

Pallotto said he gets a flu shot every year because he has so many contacts with children. More than 10,000 kids were on his lap last year.

Marriage ban challenged

GA **ATLANTA** — Gay-rights supporters sued over Georgia's newly approved constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriage, saying Tuesday the wording did not make it clear that voters were also being asked to ban civil unions.

The plaintiffs — including two Democratic state legislators and a University of Georgia law professor — argued that the amendment, passed overwhelmingly on



Nov. 2, should be thrown out.

On Monday, Republican members of the state House vowed to fight the expected lawsuit.

The plaintiffs had previously tried to block the vote on the same grounds — that it was misleading — but the state Supreme Court decided it could not intervene until a vote had been taken.

Cell door kills inmate

UT **DRAPER** — An inmate was killed accidentally when his head was crushed in a closing cell door, officials said Monday.

John J. Gardner, 27, was peering out his cell at Utah State Prison on Thursday when an officer about 150 feet away activated the mechanism that closed the cell doors on the block, the sheriff's department said.

The officer was standing behind a wall, where the door mechanism is located, and could not see that Gardner was not completely inside the cell, prison spokesman Jack Ford said.

Ford said he knew of no previous cases of an inmate getting his head caught in the door, though "we've had arms caught before."

Alarming ticket plan

ME **PORTLAND** — The City Council is considering an ordinance that would give police authority to ticket or tow vehicles whose alarms won't turn off.



Winter wonderland

Sue Lamb of Parish, N.Y., walks down Spring Street in Mexico, N.Y., after a morning snowfall.

The proposal before the council's public safety committee is to ticket cars when an alarm sounds for more than 10 minutes in an hour. The first offense would cost \$50, escalating to a fourth offense fine of \$300. The fines would be in addition to towing fees if the alarm fails to shut off.

"These things left unattended can just blow out into the night," said Councilor Peter O'Donnell. "I'm not in search of laws, but if there's something that should be regulated in terms of the nuisance they can cause other people, that's something we should work on."

Pricey pecans

NM **LAS CRUCES** — Pecan growers in New Mexico are poised to reap the benefits of a volatile hurricane season that took its toll on farmers across the Southeast earlier this year.

With about 25,000 acres of trees, Dona Ana County alone typically produces about 80 percent of the state's pecan crop.

Farmer and pecan buyer Philip Arnold said the quality of this year's crop will be excellent, in part because of rain in the area for August.

Fewer pecans produced in the Southeast after hurricanes Ivan and Frances means a boost in the market price nationwide, said Dona Ana County extension agent John M. White.

"Unfortunately, it's one of those situations where somebody benefits when somebody loses," White said. "We're going to reap the benefits."

Snow no good for crops

SD **YANKTON** — With forecasters predicting snow this week in parts of the state, South Dakota farmers have kicked their corn harvest into high gear.

"Snow is a worry," said Craig Anthony, a farmer and Yankton County Extension educator. "There have been times when farmers had to finish harvest in the spring. Then, they lose some yield from snow knocking down the corn and wildlife eating on it all winter."

The 2004 corn harvest has been well behind schedule, mostly because of a cool, damp summer that hampered maturity. Some corn has been harvested for livestock feed, but many farmers held off from picking corn to let the grain dry in the fields rather than pay to dry it in a bin.

Prank gone wrong

NH **MEREDITH** — A man is facing criminal charges in the nearly year-old shooting of a teenager who police said was playing a prank by rapping on the house windows in an attempt to scare those inside.

Eric Buck, 21, Meredith, is facing one count of simple assault, a misdemeanor. Police say he shot a 16-year-old Center Harbor boy in the leg with a .22-caliber handgun on Nov. 28, 2003. Buck has pleaded not guilty and is out on \$10,000 bail.

Police originally declined to file charges against Buck, saying there was no criminal intent. The shooting took place during an incident characterized as a prank gone wrong.



Patriotic welcoming

Uncle Sam bends down to associate with the common people as he slaps hands with some kids along the Veteran's Day Parade route on U.S. 1 in Holly Hill, Fla.



Refreshing bike ride

Megan Koenigsman, right, followed by her sister, Aubrey, react to the refreshing spray of water as they ride their bikes through a maze of sprinklers in Hays, Kan., on the campus of Fort Hays State University.



South for the winter A young bull moose crosses the road near the junction of Highway 59 and the turn-off for Tot Mile Lake in Otter Tail County, Minn. The moose was most likely trying to establish a new home range, according to Minnesota DNR Big Game Program Coordinator Lou Cornicelli. "They usually don't get that far south," he said.



Prepping for the holidays Volunteer Larry Biltz cuts a string of lights away from the frame as he prepares to replace the non-working strand with a new one during the setup of the tunnel in the Light-Up Middletown display at Smith Park in Middletown, Ohio. The annual seasonal lighting display will open the day after Thanksgiving and run through New Year's Eve.



Enjoying the weather An unidentified waterskier enjoys unseasonably warm weather in the late afternoon sun on the Missouri River near Great Falls, Mont.

2 shots better than 1

WA SPOKANE — Chris Varallo thought it was quite amazing when heaced the third hole at Liberty Lake Golf Course. Then he went ahead and hit a second hole-in-one on the 11th hole of the same round.

Odds against that are about 67 million to 1, according to Golf Digest.

"The first one was pretty amazing," said Varallo. "But after the second, everyone was in utter disbelief. Other people on the course heard the screaming and were coming over to see what had happened."

"Both of them were good-looking shots," said Dave Knutson, a member of his foursome who works with Varallo. "In fact, they were almost identical — same trajectory with a little fade. And both of them were one hop and plunk!"

"I'm very happy for him, but I'm dreading going back to work because I'm never going to hear the end of it," Knutson said.

Shirt off her back

LA JEFFERSON — When an election worker told Debbie Dupeire that her Bush-Cheney T-shirt was illegal at the polls, Dupeire didn't get mad. She got undressed.

Dupeire ripped off the T-shirt and voted Tuesday in a sports bra, too afraid to lose her place in a long line. Under state law, candidates' names cannot be displayed within 500 feet of a polling place.

"I really thought it was OK to wear my shirt. I didn't go there to cause trouble," said Debbie Dupeire, a 38-year-old makeup artist.

"I'd been in line wearing the shirt for 15 minutes, and no one said anything until I was about to vote," said Dupeire. "Had they told me before I signed the book, I would have gone out and turned my shirt wrong-side out."

Missing woman found

ND BISMARK — A body found near a farm building in North Dakota was identified as that of a woman who disappeared along with her Alzheimer's-stricken husband nearly three months ago.

Authorities got a break in the search for Yvonne Olson, 69, and her 73-year-old husband Norman when a hunter discovered their car in the farm building, leading police to the body about a mile away.

The husband has not been found. Sheriff Eugene Molbert said the cause of Yvonne Olson's death is still under investigation; authorities have not ruled out foul play.

The couple disappeared in August after leaving behind cash, credit cards and thawing meat on the counter of their home in Hettinger.

Airline fights hunger

TX SAN ANTONIO — A Southwest Airlines jet was crossing Texas on Wednesday distributing 1 million pounds of food products to Texas food banks.

Dubbed "The Flight to Fight Hunger," the delivery cele-

brates the 100th anniversary of the San Antonio-based H-E-B grocery chain.

The donations were earmarked for 18 food banks affiliated with America's Second Harvest — The Nation's Food Bank Network.

The contributions will allow the Texas affiliates of America's Second Harvest to provide about 780,000 meals to needy families, said Jan Pruitt, president of the Texas Association of Food Banks and executive director of the North Texas Food Bank.

Deadly home invasion

MI KENTWOOD — A man died after breaking into the home of a woman he had been stalking and setting off an explosive device that injured five officers, police said.

It was uncertain if the man died of injuries sustained in the blast or from shots fired by police. Most of the officers suffered minor injuries from the blast.

Police said a standoff began after the woman called police to report that someone had broken into her home.

The woman escaped, but when officers entered, the man detonated an explosive device.

Police Chief Richard Mattice said the woman had filed multiple restraining orders against the man.

Prep school drowning

NH CONCORD — A 15-year-old St. Paul's School student drowned in 4 feet of water in the school's newly opened pool, police said.

Clifford Nyquist of New Boston, a sophomore, was swimming when he sank beneath the water's surface. He was unconscious by the time lifeguards found him and died several hours later at Concord Hospital, police said.

Douglas Dickson, dean of students at St. Paul's, said it does not appear that Nyquist dove into the shallow water and struck his head on the pool floor. There were about a dozen people in the eight-lane, Olympic-sized pool at the time.

Nyquist's parents said their son was a strong swimmer and was in perfect health. The over two adult lifeguards were on duty.

The pool was opened less than a month ago as part of a new \$24 million athletic complex. Students who want to use it must have permission from the school and from their parents.

Masked robbers

VA GREAT FALLS — Police sought four men who broke into a house, robbing the occupants and leaving them bound in duct tape.

Authorities received a call from a neighbor reporting that one of the victims was outside her house with her hands and mouths bound.

The victims told police they were awakened sometime overnight by the men in masks and masks. Cash and property were stolen from the home, said Sgt. Richard Perez of the Fairfax County Police, declining to elaborate.

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'Earning' the CIB

I arrived in Baghdad as a staff officer in the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division. I remember a conversation with a major who said that he had to get me out on a mission so that I could "earn" my Combat Infantry Badge. "Earning" the CIB would entail riding in a Humvee until a unit secured an objective, then walking through the area, joking around and getting in the way.

I'm proud to say that I never went on that mission, or any like it. The day after I arrived in Baghdad I began working with the Iraqi National Guard. I soon became eligible for a CIB (and a Purple Heart). In the time I spent with the ING, I was part of more than 100 operations and had been shot at nearly two dozen times.

Once I took along a captain from the combat team's Initial Officer Training to provide him with experience. When we returned to our forward operating base, he couldn't wait to submit the paperwork so we could get our CIBs. I was pretty much disgusted at his reaction.

Well, he wears one now. Maybe not so proudly, but he still wears one. But the lesson that I learned was just because someone is authorized to wear a CIB, doesn't mean they have the moral right to do so. And for the non-infantry warriors who patrol the streets of Iraqi cities, how much pride would you gain for wearing an award that has been slandered and misrepresented?

Take pride in who you are and what you've done. Maybe one day, you'll have your own branch-specific badge to wear on your uniforms to honor your sacrifices and commitments.

Just remember though you're still a bunch of pogs (wink).

Capt. Larry S. Smith
Baghdad

Apples, oranges and equality

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spective. Think of it as apples and oranges: Given that both are categorized as fruits, they certainly have common properties but definitely differ in their basic elements. One cannot ever truly say that they are one in the same; otherwise they would both be called one or the other.

Likewise, men are not women, and vice versa. The difference in the treatment of the gender is based on presuming certain easily observable facts. Just look around and you will see that there are separate hygiene facilities, different living arrangements, different physical fitness test measures, different height and weight standards, different medications, different testing procedures (urinalysis sampling), pregnancy testing, prior to medication applications, childbearing considerations, etc. All based on the different genders and treated as ... you guessed it, not equal.

I'm not claiming that women aren't capable of the physical challenges that men are. Certainly some female soldiers are capable of going through the challenges

of direct-combat military occupational specialties (or of any job, for that matter), but those who can or are willing are the exceptions, not the rule.

Not to discount women from the combat MOSs, but think of the necessities needed to treat the basic needs of two-gender-based forces in the combat environment, given our culture's mentality. Simple example: What would happen if one had to use the bathroom while on combat maneuvers inside a Bradley fighting vehicle filled with co-ed soldiers?

Can the two genders be treated equally? Surely they can. But absolute equal treatment of all soldiers, male and female, can occur only when our culture is ready to forgo the basic concept that apples and oranges are seen only as fruits rather than what they really are ... apples and oranges.

Sgt. 1st Class Luis Arzadon
Camp Cooke, Iraq

Suggestion for BIAP

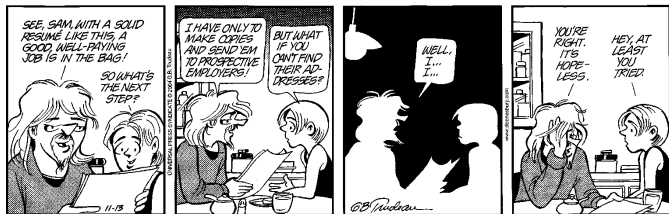
Having been a resident of Baghdad International Airport for nearly seven months now, I would like to make the following suggestion concerning the BIAP: Everyone who has spent more than a couple of days at BIAP knows exactly what I'm talking about — our large, white, intensely boring eye in the sky.

To date, various suggestions have been made, including painting a shark's mouth, a smiley face, the words "Good-year," "Fuji" or "Beat Navy" on it, to lighten up our lighter-than-air-sentry. All have been met with a stony silence.

So, after much and careful discussion with other BIAP citizens, I've come up with the following suggestion. Could someone in a high enough position of authority please consider Ming's? That's right, the New York department store. Please find out if they're doing anything with Bart Simpson after the Thanksgiving Day parade. Failing that, we'll settle for either Rocky the Flying Squirrel or Bullwinkle. Thank you.

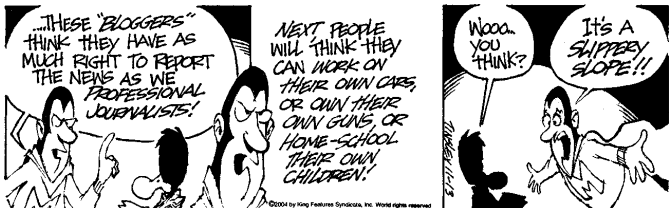
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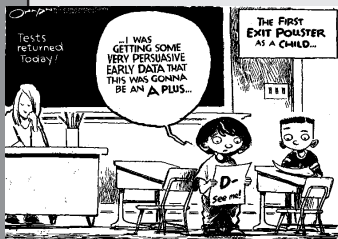
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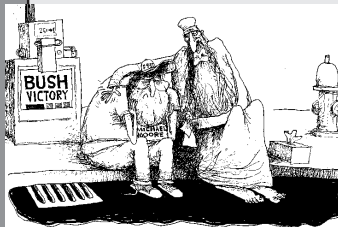
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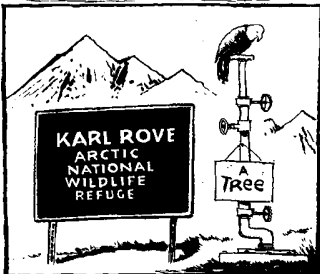
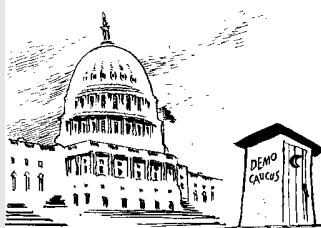
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Horoscope

Without earth-sign energy to ground us, it's easy to fly off in a random direction that makes no practical sense. The Sagittarius moon says, "Why not?" as it urges us into such adventures — or misadventures, as the case may be. But with energy this bright, it's possible to turn any badly planned excursion into the best story we'll tell all year.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

(November 13) Your morality, work ethic and discipline are remarkably strong this year. You'll proudly reap the benefits of this when people notice and reward your consistent behavior. Share the credit next month, and your wealth increases. An intimidating presence is met in December. Singles: This person is a potential new love.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You step up to a challenge and then take a look around. You seem to be the only one doing it! This realization could cause you to flinch. Doubts are natural, but chances are, there's nothing wrong with your action.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Your influence over the people close to you is more pronounced — you could see a flip-flop occur in an instant because of what you advise. Choose your area of focus carefully, so as not to waste this chance.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21) As usual, you're bright and articulate, attracting the creme de la creme with your witty conversation. Though your insights seem obvious to you, you'll raise a few eyebrows when you voice them. Bring your camera tonight.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) Your sideways view of life is a complete asset to those around you. You'll imagine the one thing nobody else is thinking of and solve the problems that face the group. Something funny happens this evening.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Family and friends need you for things they've never needed you for before. You'll be wondering if you can deliver. As in most situations you've

faced lately, showing up with a willingness to help will be more than sufficient.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Acceptance is the theme. If you love someone, does that mean you have to love everything that person does?

Of course not. But you may feel compelled to pretend that you do as a show of support.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Possibilities you never considered before have potential now. You may have to redefine yourself to fit the new picture, however.

This forces you to ponder your talents and figure out what you're not quite as great at.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21) Brusque candor is your trademark, but curb that habit in favor of keeping the peace at home. If you stick around when things are bubbling up, it's only a matter of time before you "go off." Distract yourself with some fun!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Being around people who are smart and funny and have a unique way of seeing the world, of course, bring you up. Totally avoid the other kind. Certain relationships have gotten lazy, and it's time to admit this.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) As driven as you are at work, you're even more adamant about your various amusements! You'll play like you have rabid strength! When you're with people who understand you, you're the highlight of their social world.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You'll have something to really sing about! You carved your niche and stuck to it, even though some people said it couldn't work. You do have a way of opening people's minds and making them come out of their shells.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Steer clear of that closed-off person with the piercing stare. When he or she is ready to be friends, you will be approached. In the meantime, concentrate on people who give you terrific energy.

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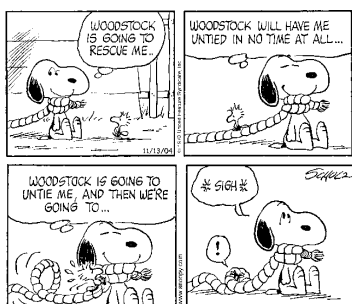
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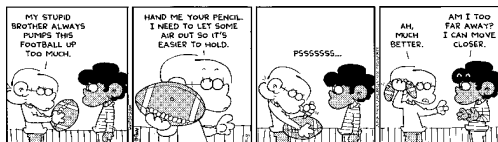
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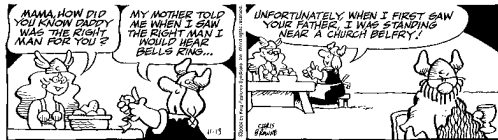
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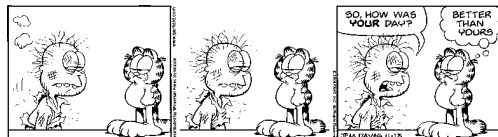
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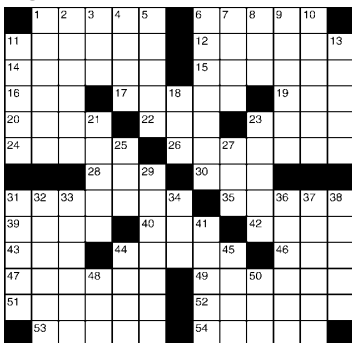
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Eugene Sheffer Crossword



Across

- Twists out of shape
- Navigational hazards
- Forward pass
- Small studio's output
- Spouse-less
- Clone
- Country club employee
- Tends tears
- Entreat
- One way to stand by
- Ward healer, e.g.
- Melodic Horne
- Sets of laws
- A bunch
- Sounds of satisfaction
- Squabble
- Minotaur slayer
- Smoky strands
- Broadway hit based on "La Boheme"
- One of the gang
- Child's play
- Brav provider
- Debate
- Flamenco cheer
- Crown
- Rill
- One
- Logic

Down

- Man-goat of myth
- First name of 37-Down
- 18-wheeler
- Lifeline locale
- Pull a Van
- Jim Carrey role
- Grandson of Eve
- Part of a school's Web site address
- One who's unbelievable?
- 1997 J.Lo biopic
- Jelly mold
- "Just Shoot Me" cast member
- George
- Ph. bk. data
- It will rise
- Teletthon VIP
- Jerry
- That girl
- Promise
- Highest-ranking
- Jogs
- Card game
- Whole
- Droop
- Showing disdain
- Links legend
- Velocity
- Waikiki windings
- "Sad to tell, ..."
- Sicilian spouter
- Corral
- Smack

Answer to Previous Puzzle



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Spurrier rules returning to NFL

The Associated Press

GAINEVILLE, Fla. — Steve Spurrier wants to return to college coaching.

Spurrier told several newspapers he has no intentions returning to the NFL after spending two losing seasons with the Washington Redskins.

Spurrier left Florida in 2002 after 12 winning seasons, six Southeastern Conference championships and a national title. He went 12-20 with the Redskins and resigned after last season.

"I probably decided then that I was done with the NFL," he told The Gainesville Sun. "It wasn't the lifestyle best for me. You don't have scout teams in the NFL. When I was at Florida, I worked with the quarterback every snap for two hours. It wasn't that way in the NFL."

Miami Dolphins coach Dave Wannstedt resigned Tuesday, prompting speculation that Spurrier would bring his famed voice and playbook to South Florida. But Spurrier told Florida Today that NFL teams shouldn't even bother pursuing him.

"I've said recently to several

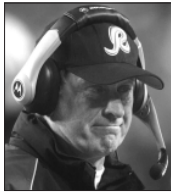
people that if I get back coaching, I will probably be a good college job somewhere," Spurrier said. "It seems like I'm better suited for that. I know I certainly had a lot more success in the college game than in the NFL. So if I return to coaching, I think that will probably be the best idea."

Spurrier even took a shot at his NFL record.

"Probably very few NFL teams would want me after the success I had," he said. "Somebody would say that in the right situation I could be successful. But if I had a choice, I'd lean toward the college game. Everybody has their own little niche. The college game was certainly a lot better success-wise for me."

Spurrier withdrew his name from consideration to return to Florida, where Ron Zook was fired last month after two-plus seasons.

Spurrier refused to reveal whether he would have taken the job had it been offered, but school president Bernie Machen and athletic director Jeremy Foley weren't planning to extend any invitations without a full-blown search-and-interview process —



In his only NFL coaching stint, Steve Spurrier went 12-20 in the 2002 and 2003 seasons with the Washington Redskins.

something Spurrier might have felt was a slap in the face considering his track record with the Gators.

Now Spurrier could land elsewhere, maybe even with another SEC team.

Spurrier said he would prefer to coach in a warm-weather climate: South Carolina? North Carolina? How about Texas? He declined to say.

"I can't answer all that. I can't answer all your questions. In the next two or three weeks, once the season is over, we'll see what happens," he told The Sun. "I think I've made it clear now that if I go back into coaching, it'll be at a good state university, a college job. Hopefully it will be in the South. I'd rather not get up there in the North."

Serena rallies to beat Myskina in WTA opener

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Serena Williams rallied from a set and two service breaks down to beat French Open champion Anastasia Myskina 4-6, 6-3, 6-4 in the WTA Championships on Wednesday night.

U.S. Open winner Svetlana Kuznetsova avoided a second-set collapse and held on to defeat Russian countrywoman Vera Zvonareva 6-2, 6-4 in round-robin play.

Lindsay Davenport, the world's No. 1 player, defeated Elena Dementieva 6-0, 6-4 in a match that ended just before midnight PST.

"I've been giving the last two nights trying to stay awake until 11 p.m.," said Davenport, who typically goes to sleep at 9 p.m. because her investment banker husband gets up at 5 a.m. for work.

Backed by a hometown crowd of 8,127 at Staples Center, Williams overcame 61 unforced errors to improve to 4-0 lifetime against Myskina. The Russian had never taken a set from Williams in three previous meetings.

Myskina led 3-0 in the second during a stretch when Williams won just three points in four games, including the last game of the first set.

Roddick, Fish to lead U.S. Davis Cup squad

NEW YORK — Andy Roddick and Mardy Fish will play singles for the United States in next month's Davis Cup final in Spain, with twins Bob and Mike Bryan in doubles.

The best-of-five final will be held on clay Dec. 3-5 in Seville, and the United States will be trying to capture its first title since Pete Sampras led the team to the 1995 championship. The Americans have won the title record 31 times, but it was their first appearance in the final since 1997.

Spain, the Davis Cup champion in 2000, will have the advantage of a home crowd and will be led by



Serena Williams, above, celebrates a 4-6, 6-3, 6-4 victory over Anastasia Myskina in the WTA Championships on Wednesday in Los Angeles.

Juan Carlos Ferrero and Carlos Moya, two former No. 1 players and French Open champions.

UCLA guard Bozenman out for season

LOS ANGELES — UCLA guard Cedric Bozenman, who was expected to start, underwent arthroscopic surgery on his right knee Wednesday and will miss the upcoming season.

The 2½-hour operation came after Bozenman was hurt in practice last week. He stepped on a teammate's ankle and then fell on his left ankle and right knee, tearing the anterior cruciate ligament.

Illinois F. Randle sidelined 6-10 weeks

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — Illinois forward Brian Randle is expected to miss 6-10 weeks with a broken hand, an injury caused when he punched a padded wall after becoming frustrated during a scrimmage.

The sophomores from Peoria played in 32 games last season, including nine starts. He averaged 2.7 points and 2.3 rebounds.

Rodman signs with ABA team

COSTA MESA, Calif. — Seven-time NBA rebounding champion Dennis Rodman signed a contract with the Orange County Crush of the American Basketball Association.

Rodman, looking to launch a comeback for several years, played on NBA championship teams in Detroit and Chicago, and played three games last season for the ABA champion Long Beach Jam.

Holmes likely out for Chiefs

The Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The Kansas City Chiefs placed linebacker Shawn Barber on injured reserve.

Wednesday and prepared for Sunday's game at New Orleans without All-Pro running back Priest Holmes.

Coach Dick Vermeil stopped just short of saying Holmes would definitely be out, but the league's leading rusher and scorer was on crutches after straining a medical collateral ligament in his right knee. None of his teammates expected him to play.

"There's not another Priest Holmes in the National Football League," fullback Tony Richardson said. "When a guy like that goes down it forces all of us to pick our level of play up."

Derrick Blockley, out last week with a deep thigh bruise, practiced full speed for the first time Wednesday and would start for the Chiefs (3-5) in Holmes' absence.

Blockley, a fifth-round draft choice out of Stephen F. Austin in 2001, has carried 32 times for 150 yards, a 4.7 average. When Holmes left early in the third quarter of a 56-10 victory over Atlanta on Oct. 24, Blockley came in and ran for four touchdowns. He also has nine receptions for 95 yards.

"Can Derrick Blockley be Priest Holmes?" No," Richardson said. "But can Derrick be Derrick Blockley? Yeah. He can go out and do a great job, and Larry Johnson can go out and do a great job."

If Holmes is out, Johnson, the disgruntled first-round draft pick of 2003, would back up Blockley.

Meanwhile, linebacker Monty Beisel, who missed the past two weeks with a calf muscle injury, will be asked to join Quentin Carter in replacing Barber.

Titans QB McNair frustrated by lingering chest injury

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Steve

NFL injury update

Injuries to prominent NFL players, followed by team's progress. Game 14 for complete injury report provided by the league.

Buccaners: DT Anthony McFarlin (thrice strain) questionable. **Jets:** DE Shaun Ellis (groin) questionable. **5 Jon McGraw** (out) questionable. **Jaguars:** QB Byron Leften (sprained knee) injured out.

McNair wants to help his Tennessee Titans start winning games while redeeming his own sub-par performance this season.

If only his chest would stop hurting whenever he gets out of bed or throws a pass.

The NFL's co-MVP of 2003 has played through pain from a list of injuries, but he said Wednesday he still can't take a direct hit 2½ weeks after being knocked out of the Titans' 20-3 loss at Minnesota on Oct. 24.

"I'm trying to fight through some of the pain and get some throwing in. The thing we're worried about now is, 'Can I take a hit?' If I do take the right hit, it's going to knock me out two to three more weeks," McNair said.

McNair, who threw passes in drills on Wednesday, is listed as questionable on injury report, and coach Jeff Fisher called McNair's limited passing "encouraging." He said the quarterback's availability will be a game-time decision Sunday against Chicago (3-5).

DE Ananotu returns to Bucs

TAMPA, Fla. — Defensive end Chidi Ananotu, who spent the first eight seasons of his 12-year NFL career with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, rejoined his old team Wednesday, adding depth to a line that's been depleted by injuries the past three games.

To make room on the roster, center John Wade was placed on injured reserve with a dislocated left knee.

Ananotu was a sixth-round draft pick in 1993 and remained with Tampa Bay through 2000, when he decided he could no longer be in the same locker room with Warren Sapp.

Ananotu appeared in five games for the Dolphins, getting one sack before asking to be released. With backup linemen Ellis Wynn and Damian Gregory on injured reserve and starting tackle Anthony McFarlin (thrice strain) questionable for Sunday's game at Atlanta, the Bucs signed Ananotu after a workout Tuesday.

Job status of Dolphins GM not as secure as he thought

The Associated Press

DAVID, Fla. — The status of Miami Dolphins general manager Rick Spielman might be less secure than he's suggested.

Team president Eddie Jones said Thursday the makeup of the front office will depend on who's hired by owner Wayne Huizenga in the wake of coach Dave Wannstedt's resignation Tuesday.

"For example, if that person came in and said, 'Wayne, I'm tickled to death to have this job, but you don't need Eddie around anymore,' I'm out here," Jones said.

Jones' comments came after Spielman said he received assurances from Huizenga that he'll remain general manager next season.

The Dolphins have begun their search for a coach. They'll also hire a general manager. Jones plans to retire this spring.

Spielman has been widely criticized since being promoted from his player personnel position last January and giving final authority over roster decisions. The Dolphins (1-8) have the NFL's worst record.

Defensive coordinator Jim Bates was promoted to interim head coach. Miami's final seven games this season.

SPORTS

Tennis players
enjoying golden
opportunityMost Far East participants
prefer DODDS-only format

Stars and Stripes

Players in the 2004 Far East High School Tennis Tournament seem to prefer the new DODDS-Pacific-only format over including players from international schools.

"I'd rather win the gold," said junior James Edwards of Pusan American in South Korea.

Citing concerns over budget, billing and athletic facility availability, Department of Defense Dependents Schools-Pacific director Dr. Nancy Bresell in September moved to limit Far East tennis, cross country and wrestling tournaments to DODDS participants only.

"The international schools are way better," Edwards said. "With just DODDS players, it's easier to win. I like it this way."

"It's more fair this way," said senior Kamen Christin of Okinawa's Kadena Panthers. "Last year was cool with more people, but it's great that they have a DODDS tournament."

"With international schools, I wouldn't even call it competition," senior Mark Bote of Japan's E.J. King Cobras said. "Here, it's better competition. There's more mystery to it. The spectators get into it more, not knowing who's going to win."

Bote's mixed doubles partner, Lara Deguzman, disagreed.

"On the other hand, [international school players] gave us the opportunity to see how they play, that there are people better than us," she said. "You want to play better competition to improve your game."

Side benefits to the decision were the addition of mixed doubles and allowing players to enter two events instead of just one.

That helped keep Kadena senior Anthony Soroka in the tournament. He lost his singles quarterfinal to Seoul American's Allen Chin but was still alive in the boys doubles draw with teammate Christin.

"At least I can fall back on doubles," he said. "That I still have a chance in the doubles after losing singles makes it better."

Soroka said it didn't matter to him whether international school players were there or not.

"It would have been fun [to play them] again, but this was still a very competitive tournament, with a lot of competition," he said. "I like it both ways. Just having a Far East tournament is the big thing."

Not having to face international players didn't help top-seeded girls singles player Mary Edwards of Pusan. She lost in three sets to Kubasaki's Frances Delosantos, who played Thursday's quarterfinals in pain.

Delosantos didn't realize she'd lost a toenail during Wednesday's matches until she removed her shoe at home that evening.

Not sure if she could even walk, much less run the courts Thursday, she put anaesthetic ointment and bandages on the second toe on her left foot, then decided she would play.

"It bothered me when I'd run and stop suddenly; the toe would crash against my shoe," she said. "I'd just shake it off and keep on going. I just wanted to keep playing."

Phoenix rising in Far East tournament



DAVE ORNAUER/Stars and Stripes

Senior middle blocker Yuri Koshibe of Tokyo's Seisen International Phoenix jump serves against the Seoul American Falcons during Thursday's quarterfinal in the Far East Class AA Volleyball Tournament at Camp Foster, Okinawa. Jump serving exclusively, Koshibe netted four aces, which Falcons coach Denny Hilgar said intimidated his team en route to a 25-13, 25-18, 25-22 defeat. See Page 35 for details.

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